

# Society

by JEAN ELIOT

## EMBASSY BALL RECALLS EVENT OF OTHER DAYS

THE British embassy came into its own again last night—in the social sense—when the British Ambassador and Lady Geddes gave a ball for nearly 700 guests. The company ran the gamut of society, official and non-official, and included in addition to nearly the entire diplomatic corps, Cabinet officers, justices of the Supreme Court, army and navy officers, with the ladies of their families, and friends of the host and hostess, and of members of the embassy staff from several cities besides Washington.

The Ambassador and Lady Geddes received the guests in the small drawing-room known as the ambassador's study. They were unassisted, but the wives of the members of the embassy staff—Mrs. John Joyce Broderick, Mrs. R. L. Craigie and Mrs. E. M. N. King—helped to the honors in the other apartments, with the bachelor attaches as their aides. Lady Geddes looked very young and very lovely in a charming costume of white faille embroidered in silver. It was made with pinnies of white tulle and trimmed with touches of orange ostrich feathers. She wore a becoming wreath of silver leaves in her hair.

While there were no formal decorations, the embassy, now shorn of the businesslike atmosphere by which it was marked during the war, was gay with autumn leaves and giant chrysanthemums in white, pale yellow and mauve. The portraits of King George and Queen Mary were banked with flowers, and the British flag appeared in the simple, dignified decoration of the fine old entrance hall. A large string orchestra, hidden behind a screen of palms, played continuously during the evening. A buffet supper was served from a long table decked in the famous George III plate, which is the property of the embassy.

**BEAUTIFUL GOWNS.** Never, perhaps, has Washington seen more handsome women gathered together under one roof—nor more beautiful gowns. And the jewels were magnificent, ropes of pearls (tiaras, coronets and corsage ornaments of diamonds. Some of the women wore jewels in their hair and again—as at the French embassy ball a week ago—one noted how popular aigrettes and other hair ornaments are becoming. Blue seemed to be the favorite color, ranging from midnight shade to the lovely Romney blue which appears in so many of the famous artist's portraits. Mrs. Marshall Field had on a stunning gown in this tone and wore an aigrette to match in her hair.

Mrs. David Franklin Houston's costume was of sapphire blue combined with silver and swathing her figure in long graceful lines. Mrs. Edwin T. Meredith was also in blue and silver, a wonderful gown and worn with wonderful jewels. Mrs. John H. Hewson and Mrs. Robert Lansing, too, elected to wear the favorite blue and silver. The latter looked particularly lovely since the color combination was singularly becoming to her snow white hair and patrician face; and John Allan Dougherty had on a gown of blue and gold brocade made over cloth of gold.

White gowns were also very popular. Mrs. Josephus Daniels wore one, a simple but dignified model which was most becoming; and so did pretty Mrs. Sheldon Whitehouse (formerly Miss Mary Alexander of New York, whose lovely frock was

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lavishly trimmed with silver. Her mother, Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, who is her guest had on a stunning black gown and one of the handsomest costumes noted at the ball. Mrs. Kauffmann's black and gold gown. She wore a big collar of pearls and other splendid jewels. Mme. Brambilla, wife of the charge d'affaires of the Italian embassy, was in black and silver, with an engaging headpiece to match; and Mrs. Frank B. Kellogg, who has but recently returned to town, wore a regal black and silver gown. Mrs. Joseph LeRoy, in a flaming red velvet gown, which was lovely in its simplicity of line, and Mrs. George LeRoy Boyle, also wearing red velvet, were among those whose costumes added a picturesque note of color.

**"AMONG THOSE PRESENT."** The Secretary of State and Mrs. Bainbridge Colby and Miss Colby headed the list of guests which included the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. William C. Clegg, the Secretary of War and Mrs. Newton D. Baker, the Postmaster General and Mrs. A. S. Burleson, the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Josephus Daniels, the Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. E. T. Meredith; also the Spanish Ambassador and Mme. Riano, the Brazilian ambassador, the Argentine ambassador, Baroness Romano, wife of the Italian ambassador; the Peruvian ambassador Prince de Bearn, charge d'affaires of the French legation; Dr. W. H. de Beaufort, charge d'affaires of the Netherlands legation; Judge Hives, charge d'affaires of the Finnish legation; J. E. LeFevre, charge d'affaires of the Panama legation; The Minister of Norway and Mme. Bryn, the Stamese minister, the Icelandic minister, John Allan Dougherty, the Minister of Venezuela and Miss Dominici, the Danish minister, the Minister of Ecuador and Mme. Elizalde, the Serbian minister and Mme. Grouitch, the minister of Guatemala, the minister of Honduras, the Portuguese minister, the Minister of Switzerland and Mme. Peter, the Minister of Colombia and Mme. Ureta, the Polish minister and Princess Lubomirsk and the Minister of Greece and Mme. Tsamados.

Others in the company were a number of prominent New Yorkers, notably Mr. and Mrs. Roger Winthrop Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Richards, George Cormanack, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, Harry C. Cushing, Mrs. Peter Larson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dineley Prince, Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt and the Misses Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cravath, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Doubleday, Mrs. Monroe Miller, Miss T. K. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Semple and Miss Semple and Col. M. C. Buckley.

Others present to mention but a few—were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Butler, Mrs. Cromwell Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bret Noyes, Miss Frances Noyes, Mrs. Hamilton Wright, Mrs. William Morton Grinnell, Mr. and Mrs. Cahries C. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kauffmann, Judge and Mrs. Charles H. Howry and Mrs. Henry Charles H. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre de Lagarde Boal, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Stokes, Jr., Brig. Gen. and Mrs. William Mitchell, the Third Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Merle-Smith, Comdr. and Mrs. W. W. Galbraith and Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cary T. Grayson.

**DINNERS PRECEDE BALL.** Among the dinners given before the ball was one at which Maj. Gen. and Mrs. John H. Chamberlain were hosts, and the Secretary of War and Mrs. Baker guests of honor. Mrs. John B. Henderson entertained in compliment to the Polish Minister and Princess Lubomirsk, and Mrs. J. Dineley Prince, the Polish minister and Princess Lubomirsk, and Mrs. J. Dineley Prince, the Polish minister and Princess Lubomirsk, and Mrs. J. Dineley Prince, the Polish minister and Princess Lubomirsk.

The party included the military and naval attaches of the legation of Poland, has been detached and has sailed for Europe, accompanied by Mme. Bryn.

and naval attaches of most of the embassies and legations accredited to Washington, with their wives. Others present were Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Dennis Nolan, Rear Admiral Andrew T. Long, Brig. Gen. George O. Squier, Mrs. Thomas F. Bayard, Miss Lydia Biddle, Mrs. A. P. Gordon Cumming, Mrs. Marshall Field, Mrs. Robert Hinkley, Mrs. Frederic A. Keep, Mrs. Joseph Leiter, Mrs. Dorothy McCombs, Miss Camilla Lippincott, Miss Patten, Mrs. Frank A. West, Miss Yone, Mrs. Lodge, Mrs. Peter Larson, and Mrs. Monroe Miller, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Felix Doubleday, and Capt. and Mrs. Harry Charlton.

The largest party before the ball was that given by Mrs. Charles S. Bromwell, who had a buffet dinner at which 125 guests were entertained for her daughter, Miss Mildred Bromwell. Among her out-of-town guests were Governor Ritchie of Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. Keyser, Mr. and Mrs. William Whitridge, Mr. and Mrs. Cottman, Mr. and Mrs. DeFord, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Miss Anne Williams, Homer Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sheldon, the Misses Sheldon, Cedric M. Joy, all of Baltimore, and the following from New York: Baron Gunzburg, A. T. Greig, formerly of the British embassy staff; Mr. and Mrs. Harcourt, Mrs. Corcoran, Mr. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richards, and Miss Margaret Flint.

**MRS. WILSON'S GUESTS.** Mrs. Woodrow Wilson had a box party yesterday afternoon at the National Theater for Mme. Frieda Hempel's recital and had as guests Mrs. de Riano, Mrs. Newton D. Baker, Mrs. Thomas F. Bayard, Mrs. Charles S. Hamlin and Mrs. Edward T. Brown.

Mrs. Cromwell Brooks entertained at luncheon yesterday in honor of Baroness Romano, wife of the Italian ambassador. The other guests were Mrs. Robert Lansing, Mrs. Parker W. West, Mrs. George Barnett, Mrs. T. Gaff, Mrs. John F. Rodgers, Mrs. Henry May, Mrs. William A. Slater, Mrs. George T. Mayne, Mrs. Robert Hinkley, Mrs. Julian James, Mrs. David E. Porter, Mrs. Clarence Crittenden, Mrs. George C. Cabot Lodge and Mrs. J. Borden Harriman.

Senator and Mrs. Frank B. Kellogg had to return to the city and are at their home in Nineteenth street.

Mrs. James A. Reed has returned from her home in Kansas City, moving with friends from Chicago. Mrs. Reed will leave again the first of next week to join Senator Reed in New York. They expect to spend Thanksgiving in Boston.

Senator Key Pittman has arrived at the Wardman Park Hotel for the winter.

Lindley M. Garrison, formerly Secretary of War, and Mrs. Garrison will come to Washington on December 10 to be guests for a week of Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh. A number of hospitalities are being arranged for them and they will be guests at a dinner which Mrs. Walsh is giving on December 11 for the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall. Mrs. Marshall will also entertain for Mrs. Garrison.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hewson, who have been staying at the Shoreham since Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Whitehouse took possession of their house in New Hampshire avenue, will start today for St. Augustine, Fla., where they will spend the season. Mr. Hewson has been going to St. Augustine every winter for thirty years.

Mrs. Cary T. Grayson had a small luncheon yesterday for Miss Rosamond Starr, of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, who is her guest. Miss Starr's engagement to John W. Belt, of the American diplomatic service, was announced recently. The wedding will take place in January.

embassy last night, is stopping at the Shoreham Hotel.

Mrs. Judah Howe Sears, of New York, formerly Miss Catherine Cameron, of Washington, accompanied by her young niece, Miss Margaret Cameron, arrived yesterday at the Shoreham and had a few friends dining with them last evening. Mrs. Sears will present her niece to society in New York at a ball at the Ritz-Carlton on December 17. Many of their Washington friends will go over for that occasion.

Capt. Carlo Huntington, of the Italian embassy staff, and Mrs. Huntington had a small company dining informally with them at the Cafe St. Marks last evening.

Judge and Mrs. William Bailey Lamar will leave Washington on Tuesday for their home in Thomasville, Ga. Judge and Mrs. Lamar have spent the autumn at the Shoreham and have been almost constantly entertained during their visit.

The Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Douglas, of Tuxedo Park, N. Y., are at the Lafayette. Dr. Douglas will act as "ector of St. John's during the year's absence of the Rev. Dr. Roland Cotton Smith.

Mrs. Armstead Davis has gone to St. Clements, Mich., where she will join her mother, Mrs. H. H. Armstead, for a ten days' visit.

Mrs. Louise E. McComas and her son, Mr. Peter Blair, are at the Shoreham for a few days on their way to New York, where Mr. Blair will enter business.

Mrs. Waddy Wood and Miss Lindsay Wood came up to Washington for the week-end to attend the ball at the British embassy last evening. They will not open their house here until December 1.

Mrs. Evelyn C. Hunt has closed her house at 6110 Wisconsin avenue, Chevy Chase, for the winter, and has taken an apartment at 1757 K Street.

**HARR-PERRIN MARRIAGE.**

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Harr, daughter of former Atty. Gen. William H. Harr and Mrs. Harr, and Lilo McMullin Perrin, of Williams, Ariz., will take place Tuesday evening at the Church of the Covenant.

The ceremony will be performed by Dr. Lorenz, of New York, at 8:30 o'clock, and will be followed by a large reception at the home of the bride's parents in Wyoming avenue. The bride, who is coming here for the marriage by her father, will have as her attendants Miss Mary Beth Jackson as maid of honor and Miss Audrey Daniels, of Falls Church, Va., who will be bridesmaids.

Howard Fletcher, of New York, will be best man, and the ushers will include William Whiting, Jr., of Harvard University; Charles McCarthy Douglas Peachy, and Buehler Metcalfe, all of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Herr will entertain at dinner tomorrow evening for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burr Perrin, of Arizona and California, parents of the bridegroom, who are coming here for the wedding. The guests will include members of the family and close relatives.

Miss Rebecca Dial, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Dial, will give a tea for her Monday evening. Her husband, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Evans will entertain the bridal party at supper at their home.

Among the out-of-town guests coming for the wedding are Mr. and Mrs. Perrin, parents of the bridegroom, and Mrs. Lee Robinson and her daughter, Miss Lila Robinson, of Louisville, Ky., aunt and cousin of Mr. Perrin.

Among the out-of-town guests who have arrived for the wedding of Miss Dorothy Lampton and Paul Titchener, of Binghamton, N. Y., who takes place this evening are Mr. and Mrs. Edmund H. Titchener, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Titchener, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Phelps, Jr., of Binghamton, N. Y., and Dr. Edward Hanrahan, of Baltimore.

The ceremony will be performed at 8 o'clock this evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Lampton, in Wyoming avenue, in the presence of only the members of the two families and will be followed by a reception. The bride will be attended by Miss Edith Hensley as maid of honor and Mrs. Anne Templeton, of Pittsburgh; Miss Elizabeth Jones, Miss Katherine Thompson and Miss Margaret Aspinwall, bridesmaids. The bridegroom will have for his best man Mr. Edward Jackson, of Boston, and the groomsmen will be David Jackson, of Pittsburgh; Edgar Parsons and William G. Phelps, Jr., of Binghamton, N. Y., and Dr. Edward Hanrahan, of Baltimore. Mrs. James K. Jones gave a breakfast this morning for the bridal party.

A wedding of interest which takes place this afternoon is that of Miss Helen Urquhart, daughter of Mr. John E. Urquhart, of Wardman Park Hotel, and Mr. Charles K. Jones.

Capt. and Mrs. Harry Charlton, of England, the former a brother of Air Commodore Lionel E. O. Charlton, are spending some time in Washington and are with Commodore Charlton, at 1908 Sunderland place.

Maj. Gen. Sigismund Bryn, military and naval attaché of the legation of Poland, has been detached and has sailed for Europe, accompanied by Mme. Bryn.

Hotel, and Charles Norris Rambo, of Philadelphia and New York.

The ceremony will be performed at 4 o'clock at Mr. Margaret's Church by Canon Robert Jones of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, in the presence of relatives and friends, including a large company of friends from New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore.

A reception will follow at the apartment of the bride in Wardman Park after which Mr. Rambo and his bride will leave for a three weeks' wedding trip. They will make their home in New York at the Annapolis.

The bride will be attended by her sister-in-law, Mrs. John E. Urquhart, Jr., of the District, as matron of honor and Miss Gertrude Lawrence Murray, of New York, will be maid of honor. Mr. Howard Rambo, brother of the bridegroom, will act as best man for him and the ushers will include Theodore Lane, of Norristown, Pa.; Col. Frank C. Boggs, of this city; John B. Harrison, and Charles Paine, Jr., of Philadelphia.

Colonel Boggs, who will be one of the ushers, and Mrs. Boggs entertaining the bridal party at breakfast today following the rehearsal, and last night Mr. Rambo, the bridegroom, entertained the wedding party at the theater and afterwards at the supper dance at Cafe St. Marks.

Society folk are deeply interested in a sale to be given for the benefit of the Baltimore Y. M. C. A. next Tuesday Wednesday from 11 to 6 o'clock. In the show room of the Cadillac Automobile Company, Connecticut avenue, when the handiwork of Mrs. Alfred Gillett will be on exhibition. Mrs. Gillett spent all of her leisure moments during the past summer designing and making these beautiful specimens of needle work which no painter's brush can excel. She will be assisted in selling these articles on exhibition by a number of well known society women.

Among those assisting will be Mrs. S. B. Elkins, Mrs. Thomas Walsh, Mrs. Juffan James, Mrs. Charles Wood, Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee, Mrs. E. V. Andrews, Mrs. Frank Anderson and Mrs. Gouverneur Hoes.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Providence Hospital will hold its annual bazaar at the hospital Tuesday afternoon, from four until seven o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cooper, of Cass, W. Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Veda R. Cooper, to Benjamin Greenburg of this city. No date has been set for the wedding.

**MRS. LIVINGSTON TO SPEAK.** Mrs. Colin Livingston will be the speaker at the weekly tea of the College Women's Club, Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Her subject will be "The Boy Scout Jamboree in London."

Mr. and Mrs. Francis U. S. Civil Service Commissioner, will be the guest of honor and speaker at a reception to be given at the club, Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock. Basil M. Mary, president of the club, will receive the guests with Mrs. Gardner. All college women in the city are welcome.

Mrs. William Courtenay, of Rye-on-the-Hudson, New York, will entertain a party of friends at the premier of "Honors are Even" the new play by Cooper Megrue, at the Shubert, Monday evening. Her husband is started in the play. Mrs. Courtenay was formerly Miss Virginia Harned, the actress.

**SIGMA NU PHI DANCE.** The first dance of the season to be given by the Joseph H. Choate Chapter, Sigma Nu Phi Fraternity, National University, will be held at Rauscher's.

The following committees have been officially appointed by the chancellor, Committee on arrangements: Ralph G. Robey, chairman; Rudolph H. Cook and Ernest G. Davis, Reception Committee; W. G. Martin, chairman; Robert R. Miller, George W. Morganston, Godfrey L. Munter, Walter S. Przybyzowski, James G. Yokum and E. Nathan Scott.

Officers elected for the present term are: Charles F. Miller, Jr., chancellor; James M. Cuthbert, first vice chancellor; Owen J. Heldry, second vice chancellor; Louis N. Goodson, master of rolls; Ralph G. Robey, registrar, and Ernest G. Davis, marshal.

Among members to be present are: M. F. Blachoff, E. Brennan, R. H. Cook, J. M. Cuthbert, E. G. Davis, A. N. Duart, D. R. Good, L. N. Goodson, G. B. Hardy, J. O. Hendry, R. C. Howard, John Kocinski, Marvin E. Maddox, W. G. Martin, Elmer N. May, Chas. F. Miller, Jr., R. R. Miller, G. W. Morganston, E. L. Mosely, W. S. Przybyzowski, John L. Rea, R. G. Robey, E. N. Scott, C. J. W. Trystad, J. W. Yokum and Godfrey L. Munter.

**SONS OF VETERANS' DANCE.** The Washington Camp No. 505, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will give its first dance of the season at the New Willard Monday evening at 9 o'clock.

The young ladies' committee with Miss Grace Roper as chairman, is as follows: Miss Marion Upshaw, Miss Marie McGuire, Miss Louise Owen, Miss Helen Carmichael, Miss Weir DeVoe, Miss Jean Campbell, and Miss Virginia Hereford.

## NAT'S BRIDE-TO-BE WANTS HIS EFFECTS

Miss Gardiner, Who Was to Have Been Wife No. 6, Protests Accounting.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Miss Georgia Gardiner, who was to have been the sixth wife of Nat C. Goodwin if the comedian had lived, appeared in Surrogate court here yesterday to protest against the accounting of the actor's estate.

She testified all of the valuable furniture and bric-a-brac in her Riverside drive apartment had been given her by Goodwin before his death and that she had letters to prove it. They will make their home in New York at the Annapolis.

He became ill while the company was appearing in Kansas City in November, 1918, and she nursed him constantly from that time until his death. Upon his return to New York, shortly before his death, he furnished the apartment, and a short time later, wrote Miss Gardiner a letter, giving her all his household effects.

Klaw & Erlanger presented a claim for \$8,000 against the estate.

**NEW MILLS IN AUSTRALIA.** Establishment of a large number of woolen and textile mills in Australia is reported in a communication received today by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce from trade commissioners in that country. American machinery is being used almost exclusively in these new factories.

## DENIES JAPAN HAS NEW WAR IN VIEW

Nagai, Charge at London, Says No Unusual Preparations Are Being Made.

By WILLIAM L. MALLABRAN, International News Service.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—Denial that Japan is making unusual war preparations was issued here today by Dr. Nagai, acting charge d'affaires of the Japanese embassy in the absence of the Japanese ambassador, who is attending the League of Nations meeting at Geneva. Dr. Nagai does not think any war is coming. He said that Australia and Canada need not fear invasion of Japanese immigrants, because Japan needs all her men at home.

"Contracts which were tentatively made with airplane manufacturers and gun makers have not yet been signed and there seems little likelihood that they will be," said the diplomat. "The economic situation in Japan at this time is such as prohibits such expenditures. We are building warships, of course. But this is merely in line with the regular course of preparation. We do not intend to be left in a hole if war should come. I see no reason to think that there will be a war."

Dr. Nagai said there was no reason for either Australia or Canada to oppose renewal of the Anglo-Japanese treaty.

"It is not a combination for offense nor defense," explained Dr. Nagai. "It merely calls for compulsory arbitration."

**OLDEST TEACHER DEAD.** ATTLEBORO, Mass., Nov. 20.—Miss Elizabeth Carpenter Blanding, believed to be the oldest school

teacher in the United States, died at her home today aged eighty-nine. She started teaching school here at the age of sixteen and taught for seventy years.

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